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11. (C/NF) On June 1, Ambassador delivered reftel demarche on the Non-Aligned Movement (NAM) Ministerial statement on Iran to MFA Secretary of State Hatem Ben Salem. Ben Salem, who represented Tunisia at the Ministerial, agreed that the final statement was unhelpful. He stressed that Tunisia, along with Singapore, had worked behind the scenes against the statement, but that Iran had "a huge amount" of support in NAM. He explained that "clever" Iranian diplomats had introduced the statement at the last minute and successfully pushed it through quickly.

12. (C/NF) Ben Salem also remarked that the public reception of the Iranian delegation was "incredible." He added that China was playing a "double game" and supported Iran's efforts during the Ministerial.
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